“It’s a Wonderful Fruitcake”
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What A family receives their yearly fruitcake from a dear-old aunt, but never opens them. This year they discover they’ve been missing the real gift. Themes: Christmas, Receiving the gift of Jesus, Thankfulness, Second Chances

Who Teenage daughter
Mom
Dad
UPS Man

When Christmas Eve

Wear (Props) Living room-couch
TV
UPS box
Note with check
Fruitcake tin
UPS uniform

Why John 3:16

How It’s Christmas, so energy should be high! There is a lot of “family teasing” that is good-natured, so everyone should feel comfortable with each other.

Time Approximately 5-7 minutes; This script is 5 pages long.
A family gathers in a living room, preparing to watch “It’s a Wonderful Life” on Christmas Eve. Tom, the father, sits in an easy chair and searches for the remote.

Tom: (Pointing the remote at the TV to turn it on) Ellen! Lily! Come on, you two! You’re gonna miss the beginning. That sets up the whole movie!

Lily: (Lily, the daughter, enters and sits on the couch) Come on, Dad. We’ve seen “It’s a Wonderful Life” about three hundred times.

Ellen: (Ellen, the mom, enters and stands in the doorway) Oh, Lily, just humor him. You know this is your daddy’s favorite Christmas movie. You know how he is …

Lily: Yeah. Wacko.

Ellen: (Laughs) Certifiable. So … you two want something to drink?

Tom: Something hot.

Lily: (Simultaneously with Tom) Something cold.

Ellen: (About to exit to the kitchen, we hear a knock at the front door) How ‘bout I just bring you both something lukewarm. But, hang on. Somebody’s at the door. (She exits)

Tom: (Calling out after her) If it’s carolers, tell ’em we’re busy.

Lily: Dad … what’s the big deal with this movie?

Tom: Lily, there are two classic movies of all time: “Gidget Goes Hawaiian” and “It’s a Wonderful Life”. This is a movie about second chances. Everybody wants a second chance. You’re just a child. You wouldn’t understand. Just trust me. This is a classic - Frank Capra at his finest.

Ellen: (Re-entering quickly, dragging the UPS man behind her) Hey, you guys, look who I found! Santa…in his brown outfit.

Tom: Man alive, they’ve got you guys out working Christmas Eve?!

UPS: (He is somewhat simple, and very happy-go-lucky) Afraid so. But I am happy to announce that you folks are my last delivery. I am done for the night and done for the season!

Tom: Congratulations! How about something luke-warm to drink?

UPS: Well…I’m not really supposed to. But hey, if I go back to the warehouse, they’ll probably just load me back up again. And I’ve already put in about seven thousand hours of overtime…so…why not?
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Tom: Great. Cider?

UPS: Sure.

Tom: Ellen, add a lukewarm cider to those drinks.

Ellen: Hold your horses, Pal. I want to see what we’ve got here.

Lily: Maybe it’s that pony you’ve been promising me all these years.

Tom: Yeah, right.

Ellen: I hope it’s all those Lands End things I ordered. If it’s not, it’s gonna be a slim Christmas for you two.

Tom: (As an aside to Lily) Just what we want, Lil . . . more flannel.

Ellen: (To the UPS guy) Okay, where’s the goodies?

UPS: Oh, yeah, I almost forgot - your package. And you’ve gotta sign for it.

Tom: (As Ellen signs for the package) That’s it?

UPS: (Hands it to Tom) Yep. And from the weight of it, I’d say it’s a fruitcake.

Tom: (Picks it up and reads the return address) Ellen, your Aunt Edna sent us the usual.

Lily: (Disgusted) Great. No pony. Just another doorstop.

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ENDING:

UPS: It just goes to show you. Sometimes great things come in some mighty surprising packages. (Waxing a bit eloquent) Kinda like Christmas, you know?

Lily: What?


Tom: (Still a bit in shock) “It’s A Wonderful Fruit --- Life”.

UPS: Oh! I love that movie. It’s one of my favorites. Nothing like getting a second chance, you know?
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Tom: (Still a bit in shock) Yeah, nothing like a second- (He has a minor epiphany. Speaks to the UPS man as an aside) Hey… what are doing later tonight?

UPS: (Simply shrugs)

Tom: After this movie, you and me, Pal, are gonna make a trip to the landfill to find you fourteen more fruitcakes.

Lights out. The End.